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**Subject:** RE: House payment reform bill - Amendment Guidance - due 3:30pm today  
**Attachments:** HB 4128 Amendment Grid 6-1-12.xls; Amendments to H.4127 payment reform.doc  
**Importance:** High

Bureau Directors,

Hope everyone stayed dry this wet weekend! We've completed our high-level read of amendments to the House health care cost containment bill. The good news: there are 275 amendments, frankly much less than we expected.

In addition to BHCSQ (which has the bulk of amendments), the only other bureaus affected by amendments are **BCHAP**, **BID**, **BSAS/MTCP**. Everyone else: no need to read further.

If the following bureaus could review respective amendments (see below) and complete the attached spreadsheet by **3:30pm today**, See attached Word document for amendments to the House bill. Text of the bill can be found here <http://www.malegislature.gov/Bills/187/House/H04127>.

**BID**

#30 – (Walz) health education  
#82 – (Sciortino) HIV consent  
#99 – (Rushing) HIV consent  
#227 – (Sanchez) vaccine provider choice

**BCHAP**

#30 – (Walz) health education  
#87 – (Fennell) school-based health centers (FYI only)  
#210 – (Dykema) broadens municipal eligibility for Prevention & Wellness Trust grants  
#262 – (Story) includes chronic disease management in list of eligible activities for Trust  
#263 – (Story) expands eligibility for Prevention & Wellness Trust  
#267 – (Khan) provides funding source for Trust via soda tax

**BSAS**

#128 – (M. Walsh) expands insurance mandate to cover substance abuse services

**MTCP**

#40 – (Sannicandro) possession of cigarettes by minors  
#142 – (Jones) limits tobacco products for minors  
#216 – (Hecht) closes tobacco loopholes

Thank you for all the assistance in a prompt response. Please be in touch if we can offer further guidance or help in any ways.

With gratitude for obliging another ridiculous deadline,  
Julian & Dianne

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**Subject:** House payment reform bill - Amendment Guidance

**Importance:** High

Bureau Directors,

Dianne & I wanted to give you a heads up in advance of the House's payment reform debate next week.

The House will be debating their version of the payment reform next week, beginning on Tuesday. All amendments to the House bill will be filed by 5PM this evening. With the Senate posting over 600 amendments just two weeks ago, we are expecting an even larger volume of amendments from the House. As the most significant bill this session, legislators will use amendments to give legs to all sorts of policy proposals that have been waylaid in committee – there will definitely be amendments filed relating to policy matters not purely within the scope of payment reform.

The Commissioner's Office will be reviewing amendments first thing Monday morning; we will identify amendments of relevance to bureaus by/around 11am on Monday for your feedback. Please be prepared to make reviewing any amendments of relevance to your bureau a priority. We kindly request **comments from bureaus by 3pm on Monday**. Please include Dianne and me on your responses.

Amendments will be available online later this evening at <http://www.malegislature.gov/Bills/187/House/H04127> under the 'Amendments' tab. You are certainly welcome to take a glance these over the weekend, but please don't let these invade the sanctity of your two days away from the office.

Thank you all so much for the speedy assistance in responding to the fast-moving process. Apologies for yet another fire drill – we promise it's among the last. Only two months left in the Legislature's session!

Warm regards,  
Julian & Dianne

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